

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-25 are pending in this application after this amendment. Claims 17-19 are withdrawn from consideration. New claim 25 is presented for Examination. Based upon the remarks included herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-15, and 20-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Sameshima* (USP 6,115,568); and rejected claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sameshima* in view of OKI Technical Review. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

In response to applicants arguments filed January 10, 2006, the Examiner, in the Advisory Action mailed January 23, 2006, asserts that applicants arguments nearly amount to general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references. Applicants respectfully disagree with this assertion. Applicants further disagree that *Sameshima* anticipates the claim invention.

The present invention as set forth in claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a detaching/attaching mechanism comprising a holding member wherein a holding member includes a position regulating means for regulating a position of the contacting member with respect to the holding member.

In applicants previous reply, applicants argued that the Examiner was relying upon one element of *Sameshima* to anticipate two separately claimed elements recited in the claim. Specifically, the Examiner was relying upon reference number 19b to teach the holding member and the position regulating means as claimed. The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to page 13 where applicants provide a summary of the teachings of *Sameshima*.

Based on the teachings as set forth in applicants' previous reply, applicants respectfully submit that *Sameshima* fails to teach or suggest the holding member including a position regulating means for regulating a position of the contacting member with respect to the holding member. Applicants respectfully request consideration of this argument and a proper reply thereto.

The Examiner further indicated in the Advisory Action of the cited passage was not relied upon by the Examiner. However, applicants cited a passage referencing Figures 6 and 7 in the teachings of *Sameshima*. Figures 6 and 7 disclose different views of the same embodiment that the Examiner is relying upon in support of his rejection and thus, applicants maintain that the passage is pertinent to applicants rebuttal to the outstanding rejection.

It is respectfully submit that claims 2-3, 6, and 25 are allowable for the reasons set forth above regard to the claim 1 at least based upon their dependency on claim 1. It is further respectfully submitted that claims 6-8 and 12 include elements similar to those set forth above regard to claim 1 and thus these claims, together with claims dependent thereon, are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1.

Request for Interview

By this amendment, Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Request for Interview. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner, together with his Supervisor, contact the undersigned to discuss the outstanding rejections and further to discuss Applicant's arguments included herein prior to formally considering any arguments on the record.

CONCLUSION

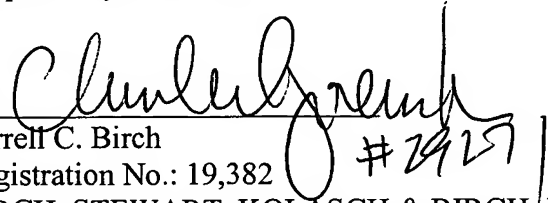
In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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